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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 1183

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP(TODMAN, TERENCE A.)
SUBJ: TODMAN VISIT

REF: PARAMARIBO 1161

1. AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN PRESIDENT FERRIER REGARDING TODMAN VISIT. PRESIDENT STATES THAT HE INTENDS TO RECEIVE TODMAN BUT HIS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 30 STILL BEING WORKED ON AND TIME FOR APPOINTMENT CANNOT YET BE DETERMINED.

2. MINISTER ARRON HAS ALSO REPLIED THAT HE WILL SEE TODMAN BUT IS NOT YET ABLE TO SET THE TIME. WE HAVE URGED THAT THESE TWO APPOINTMENTS BE SET ASAP SO THAT WE CAN GO ON TO MAKE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE WEEK AFTER GENERAL ELECTIONS AND ARRON IS IN MIDST OF FORMING NEW CABINET.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS ISSUED INVITATION FOR DINNER EVENING NOV 30 TO ARRON AND WILL FIRM UP PLANS WHEN HIS REPLY RECEIVED.

4. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PRESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH GEORG HERING, DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESS SERVICE, WHO SAYS THAT HE MET AMBASSADOR TODMAN IN COSTA RICA LAST YEAR. HERING CONFIRMS OUR BELIEF THAT PRESS WILL NOT GO TO AIRPORT FOR ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE AND HE ALSO RECOMMENDS AGAINST
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HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE GROUNDS THAT "SURINAM JOURNALISTS ARE NOT WELL PREPARED TO ASK QUESTIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY FIELDS," A JUDGEMENT WITH WHICH EMBASSY CONCURS. HERING RECOMMENDS RATHER THAT TODMAN TO A TV INTERVIEW (ROUGHLY 15 MINUTES) WITH RONNY RENS, CHIEF OF SURINAM TV NEWS SERVICE, WHICH WOULD BE TAPED AT CONVENIENT TIME FOR BROADCAST DURING EVENING PRIME TIME. EMBASSY AGREES THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT

IDEA AND REQUESTS AGREEMENT TO CONCUR. RENS WOULD GIVE US
QUESTIONS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS SO THAT WE COULD ROUGH OUT
DISCUSSION POINTS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO HIM IF NECESSARY.

5. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO OUR ARRANGING
A 15 MINUTE TAPED RADIO INTERVIEW WITH FRED MARTE, WHO HAS
AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS. ZURHELLEN

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